

## **ANALYSIS**

This ordinance amends Title 22 - Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code to revise regulations related to the rehabilitation of small locally indigenous wild animals in certain residential and agricultural zones, the raising and grazing of alpacas and llamas in agricultural zones, and to correct a minor typographical error.

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 22.08.180 is hereby amended to add the following definition in alphabetical order to read as follows:

**22.08.180 R.**

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-- "Rehabilitation facility, small wild animals" means a facility for the temporary care of sick, injured, and/or orphaned wild animals until such animals are nursed back to health and can be returned to their native habitat.

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**SECTION 2.** Subsection B of Section 22.20.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.20.100 Uses subject to permits.** Property in Zone R-1 may be used for:

. . .

B. The following uses, provided the specified permit has first been obtained, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

- Cemeteries as provided in Part 4 of Chapter 22.56.
- Explosives storage as provided in Part 5 of Chapter 22.56.
- Rehabilitation facilities for small wild animals, as provided in Part 3 of Chapter 22.56.
- Surface mining operations, as provided in Part 9 of Chapter 22.56.
- Temporary uses, as provided in Part 14 of Chapter 22.56.

**SECTION 3.** Subsection B of Section 22.20.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.20.440 Uses subject to permits.** Property in Zone R-A may be used for:

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B. The following uses, provided the specified permit has first been obtained, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

- Explosives storage as provided in Part 5 of Chapter 22.56.
- Cemeteries as provided in Part 4 of Chapter 22.56.
- Rehabilitation facilities for small wild animals, as provided in Part 3 of Chapter 22.56.
- Surface mining operations, as provided in Part 9 of Chapter 22.56.
- Temporary uses, as provided in Part 14 of Chapter 22.56.

**SECTION 4.** Section 22.24.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.24.040 Wild animals prohibited – Exceptions.** A person shall not keep or maintain any wild animal in any ~~residential~~agricultural zone, whether such wild animal is kept or maintained for the personal use of the occupant or otherwise, except that for each dwelling unit the occupant may keep for his personal use:

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**SECTION 5.** Subsection B of Section 22.24.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.24.070 Permitted uses.** Premises in Zone A-1 may be used for:

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B. The following light agricultural uses, provided that all buildings or structures used in conjunction therewith shall be located not less than 50 feet from any street or highway or any building used for human habitation:

- The raising of horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, ~~and goats,~~ alpacas, and llamas, including the breeding and training of such animals, on a lot or parcel of land having an area of not less than one acre and provided that not more than eight such animals per acre of the total ground area be kept or maintained in conjunction with such use.
- The grazing of cattle, horses, sheep, ~~or goats,~~ alpacas, or llamas on a lot or parcel of land with an area of not less than five acres, including the supplemental feeding of such animals, provided:

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**SECTION 6.** Subsections A and B of Section 22.24.100 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.24.100 Uses subject to permits.** Property in Zone A-1 may be used for:

A. The following uses, provided a conditional use permit has first been obtained as provided in Part 1 of Chapter 22.56, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

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- The raising of horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, ~~and goats,~~ alpacas, and llamas, including the breeding and training of such animals, not subject to the limitations of Section 22.24.070, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than five acres.

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B. The following uses, provided the specified permit has first been obtained, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

- Cemeteries, as provided in Part 4 of Chapter 22.56.
- Explosives storage, as provided in Part 5 of Chapter 22.56.
- Mobilehomes, individual placement of a mobilehome containing one dwelling unit in lieu of a single-family residence on a lot or parcel of land, having as a condition of use the area requirement of the zone but in no case with an area of less than two and one-half acres, as provided in Part 6 of Chapter 22.56.

- Rehabilitation facilities for small wild animals, as provided in Part 3 of Chapter 22.56.
- Surface mining operations, as provided in Part 9 of Chapter 22.56.
- Temporary uses, as provided in Part 14 of Chapter 22.56.
- Wind energy conversion systems, non-commercial, in conformance with the standards and requirements specified in Part 15 of Chapter 22.52.

**SECTION 7.** Subsection B of Section 22.24.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.20.120 Permitted uses.** Premises in Zone A-2 may be used for:

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B. The following agricultural uses, provided all buildings or structures used in connection therewith shall be located not less than 50 feet from any street or highway or any building used or designed for human habitation:

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- The grazing of cattle, horses, sheep, alpacas, llamas, or goats, including the supplemental feeding of such animals, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre.

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- The raising of horses and other equine, cattle, sheep, ~~and goats,~~ alpacas and llamas, including the breeding and training of such animals, on a lot or parcel of land having, as a condition of use, an area of not less than one acre, provided that:

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**SECTION 8.** Subsection B of Section 22.24.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.24.150 Uses subject to permits.** Property in Zone A-2 may be used for:

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B. The following uses, provided the specified permit has first been obtained, and while such permit is in full force and effect in conformity with the conditions of such permit for:

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-- Rehabilitation facilities for small wild animals, as provided in Part 3 of Chapter 22.56.

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**SECTION 9.** Subsection A of Section 22.24.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.24.160 Wild animals prohibited – Exceptions.** A person shall not keep or maintain any wild animal in Zone A-2, whether such wild animals are kept or maintained either individually or collectively for either private or commercial purposes except as otherwise provided in Section ~~22.24.120~~22.24.040 or 22.24.150, or as specifically provided herein:

A. The following animals are permitted, provided such animals are kept and maintained at a place where the keeping of domestic animals is permitted:

--~~Alpacas.~~

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--~~Llamas.~~

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**SECTION 10.** Subsection B of Section 22.52.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.52.320 Livestock kept as pets – Restrictions generally.**

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B. Lots or parcels of land having, as a condition of use, a minimum area of 15,000 square feet per dwelling unit may keep or maintain the animals listed in Table 1 in the numbers specified, not to exceed one animal per 5,000 square feet:

**Table 1**

Type of Animal	Number Permitted
Horses, donkeys, mules and other equine, and cattle	One over nine months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.
Sheep and goats	One over six months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.
<u>Alpacas and llamas</u>	<u>One over six months of age for each 5,000 square feet of lot area.</u>

**SECTION 11.** Section 22.56.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.56.420 Established - Purpose.** The animal permit is established to permit:

A. ~~†~~The keeping or maintaining as a pet or for the personal use of members of the family residing on the premises of:

A1. Wild or domestic animals not specifically classified which will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare; and



B~~2~~. Domestic or wild animals exceeding the number permitted, or on lots or parcels of land having less than the area required, which will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of such site.

B. Rehabilitation facilities for small wild animals which:

1. Will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare; and

2. Will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property or other persons located in the vicinity of such site.

**SECTION 12.** Subsection B of Section 22.56.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.56.480 Application - Approval or denial - ~~Conditions~~Findings.**

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B. The director shall deny an application for an animal permit in all cases where:

1. The report of the department of animal care and control or health services indicates that such animals may not reasonably be maintained as specified in the application; or

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**SECTION 13.** Section 22.56.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**22.56.510 Imposition of additional conditions authorized when.** The director or commission, in approving an application for an animal permit,;

A. ~~m~~May impose such conditions as are deemed necessary, including those recommended by the departments of animal care and control and health services, to insure that such animals will be kept or maintained in accord with the findings required by Section 22.56.500. Conditions imposed may involve any pertinent factors affecting the keeping or maintenance of the animal or animals for which such permit is requested, including but not limited to those specified in Section ~~22.56.180~~22.56.100.

B. Shall impose the following conditions on applications for rehabilitation facilities for small wild animals:

1. The animals shall be cared for by a licensed rehabilitator who must be a resident of a single-family residence on the subject lot or parcel of land;

2. The animals shall be indigenous to Los Angeles County;

3. The animals shall weigh no more than 30 pounds;

4. Coyotes, bobcats, deer, mountain lions, bears, and other similarly dangerous animals shall not be allowed;

5. The allowable number of animals shall be as follows:

a. For lots with at least 10,000 square feet of area, up to 20 animals;

b. For lots of 7,500 to 9,999 square feet of area, up to 16 animals;

c. For lots of 6,000 to 7,499 square feet of area, up to 12 animals; and

d. For lots of 5,000 to 5,999 square feet of area, up to 6 animals.

The director or commission, after consultation with the departments of animal care and control and health services, may allow a higher number of animals than the number specified above.

6. The facilities shall only be authorized for as long as the applicant maintains a continuously valid permit and Memorandum of Understanding from the California Department of Fish and Game, or in the case of wild migratory birds, a valid permit from the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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